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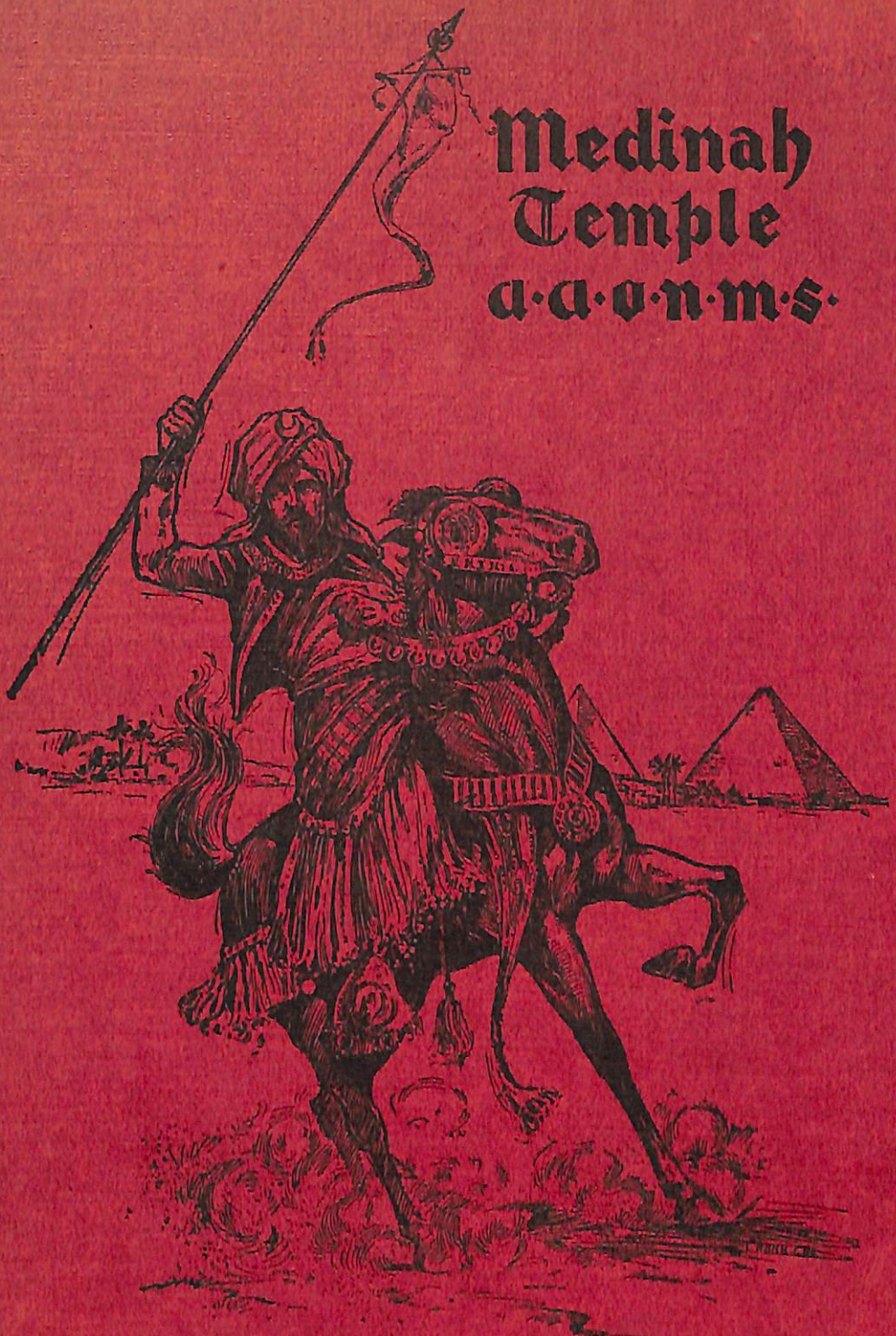


Oasis of Chicago ★ Illinois Prairie

Yom'l Gom'a
25th Day, 2nd Month

Safar

Hejira 1324

Friday, April 20, 1906

IN MEMORY OF

Saydat Zaynab

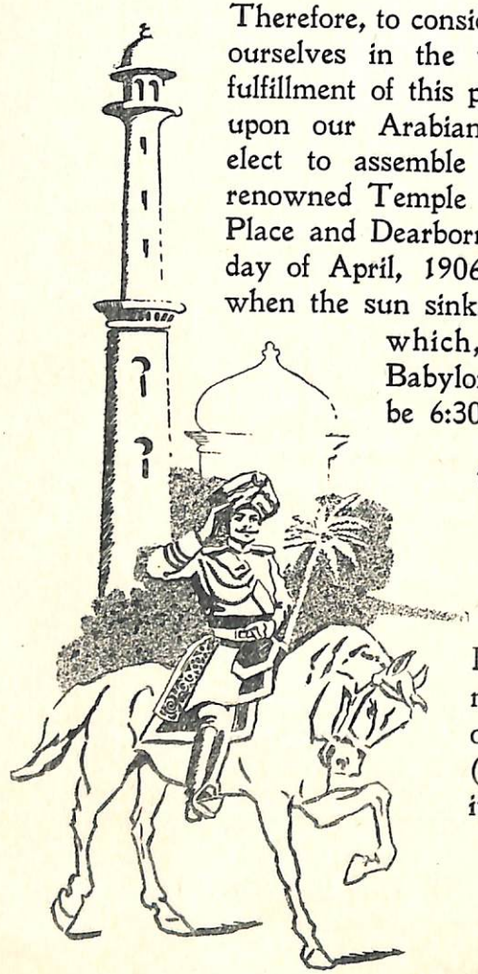
Daughter of Khoozaymah, widow of Oobayd, Mohammad's cousin, and sixth wife of the Prophet (Allah favor and protect him!) The title "Mother of the Poor" (Ummoo'l-Masakeen) was justly her due

Business
at 6:30 p. m.

Ceremonial
at 7:30 p. m.

Es Selamu Aleikum:

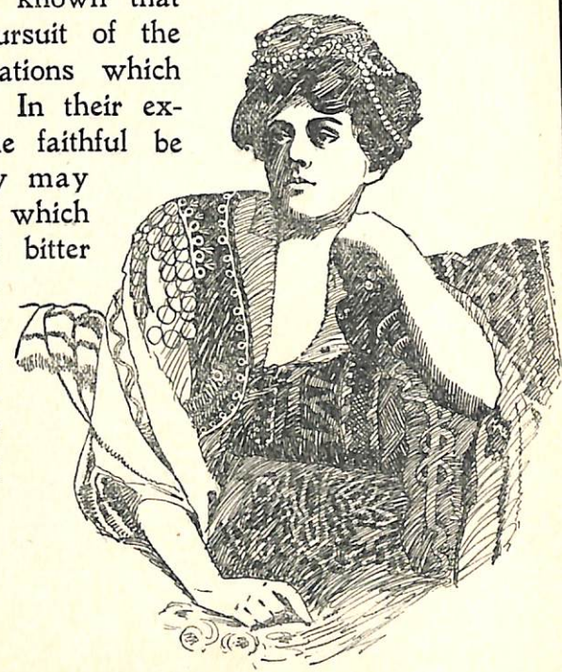
OYE FAITHFUL who toil in the vineyards of the sinful and eat from the flesh pots of the foolish. Though ye make bricks without straw and daily groan under the weight of your burdens, yet shall ye sup comfort. For is it not written that the Faithful shall rest in the shade of the Palm trees and eat of the fruit of the pomegranate which grows in the land of Delight, called Ishora?



Therefore, to consider those things, and perfect ourselves in the virtues which lead to the fulfillment of this pipe dream, we wind a blast upon our Arabian horn, and call upon the elect to assemble at their devotions in the renowned Temple of Medinah, corner Walton Place and Dearborn Avenue, on the twentieth day of April, 1906, at the hour of the day when the sun sinks behind the desert cactus, which, according to the latest Babylonian computations, would be 6:30.

The Ceremonial will be due at 7:30

Now, inasmuch as this meeting is held in memory of a cousin of the Prophet, (a tender blossom at that) it behooves the faithful to tarry awhile in the pursuit of their daily manna, and come forth out of the darkness of the world, which would envelope them, with its sorrows, to do homage to the memory of this revered one, by seeking in the desert paths and guiding to the Country of Delight, those who are worthy to partake of the fruit of the mango tree, and drink of the elixir of life from the jewelled cup of King Jamshid. For even as the Prophet was zealous after converts, so can the Faithful of today secure to themselves much incense and myrrh by seeking zealously for those who wander on the highway of discontent and would cheerfully give of their mazuma to rest under the shade of the perfumed Alcaya. The faithful are requested to render unto those who may be under their guidance, a true account of the way by which they may acquire the protecting influence. 6:30 p. m. is the hour at which they must present themselves to the Recorder, that they may be purified and made acceptable for sacrifice. Remember, also, that the two-humped camels line up promptly at 7:30, preparatory to starting across the hot sands. Now it is well known that the truth-seekers in their pursuit of the sublime, often assume situations which tend toward the ridiculous. In their extremity let the hearts of the faithful be warmed to them that they may endure unto the finish that which would make humor out of bitter oranges and fills the lean with fat laughter. Let them not sup from the bowl of sorrow, without hope, but rather rejoice that the tensile fabric of their unmentionables will probably stand the strain.



Etching of Say-dat Zaynab
Copied from old picture in art gallery of Gopunk

Rejuvenating Refreshments

After the easy ones have been laid away, and their woes have faded in their memories, the usual refreshments consisting of figs, dates and other delicacies will await the pleasure of the famished ones. We would not omit to mention that a supply of milk has been procured from the Sacred Camels of Mora-du. As the supply is usually absorbed by the Faithful in the East, brethren will appreciate our enterprise in obtaining this much sought for liqueur, which indeed would have been impossible had not the camels been feeling pretty good.

The Entertainment

Which will be given in the upper hall will be the culmination of the evenings pleasure. You have heard of the maze of the dance, you will see it there. You have heard of the Greek Fire which the Veiled Prophet used in his tableaux. We have it; the same identical brand. Stay to this show. Joy will surely be floating in the air, and can be inhaled with every breath.

Visiting Nobles

Will be welcomed in purest Arabic, if they have the necessary credentials. If not, the doorkeeper will draw a cold one and pass it out.

Yours in the faith,

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Assistant Rabban

Kach-an-Khan, the Fakir and the Herb

CONTINUED FROM MARCH CIRCULAR

THE morning sun kissed the soil of the desert, whereat the sand got hot, and burned the feet of the camel, just by way of striking a balance on the day's doings; and it was the seventh day of travel for Kach-an-Khan. The journey had been toilsome, and as he put a safety pin where his jeans and shirtwaist met, he sighed for a chance to plant his sandal in close juxtaposition to that part of the fakir's belongings which is necessary to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. His troubles had been many, but being gifted with a 24-carat nerve, and the desire to be looked upon in his home town as the light that never flickered, he entered upon the desert part of the journey which was to bring him the stuffed dates.

So he arose and mounted his camel. Now as he journeyed towards the place where the sun sinks to rest mid the pomegranate trees behind the Mount of Lebanus, he met a band of Arabs, who gazed at him in wonder, and asked him whence he came, and why. And he answered them that he was from the Province of Kopet-an-Keepit, and was in search of the wonderful herb, which gives the heart's desire to him who should eat of it. And as he wished to be a good fellow, he showed to the chief of the band the talisman given him by the fakir. Now when they had seen it, they created a great uproar, and the chief, taking a bite of his scimitar, spake as follows: "Of a truth thou shalt eat of the herb," the fakir gave us the same dope, and the key to read the inscription, the nature of which I shall presently show you. Your knowledge of the fakir leads us to suspect that you are in league with him, and we are persuaded that you know the story of the little rubber ball with the shell attachment. But we have read in the dream book, and are wise, and thy numbers are 18+5. The key of the inscription on your talisman is—to start with the letter following the correct one, which makes

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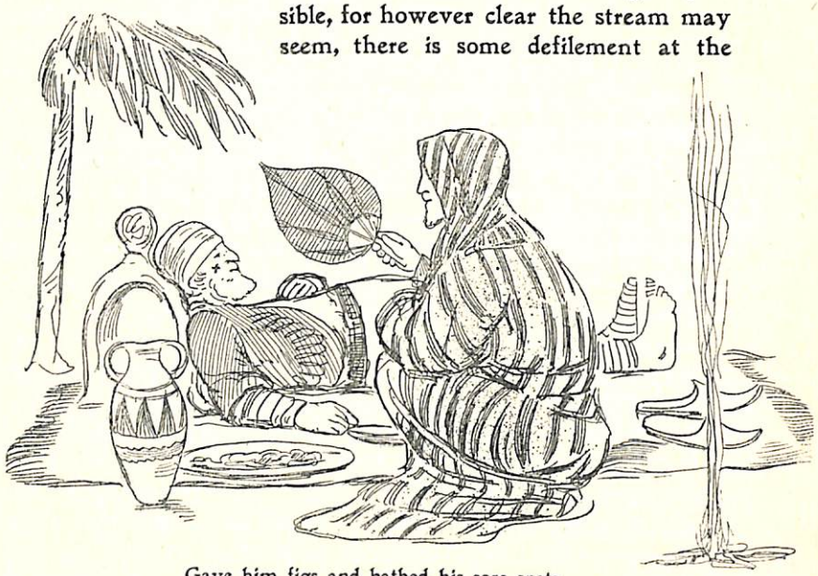
sbvt-nju-jn read "Raus-mit-im." So saying they fell on him and smote him with the tenderness of sore heads. And one in particular smote him with a fervor born of hope long deferred, whereat he fell into a gentle slumber and memory left her temple for a season. Now when he came to himself, he discovered an Arab of goodly mien who gave him figs and bathed his sore spots, and to him he told his troubles. But the stranger answered him and said: "Thou art like unto that king of Shedad, who made the gardens of Irim in imitation of Paradise, and was destroyed by lightning the first time he attempted to enter them. Know that the attainment of the human heart's desire is a thing impossible, for however clear the stream may seem, there is some defilement at the



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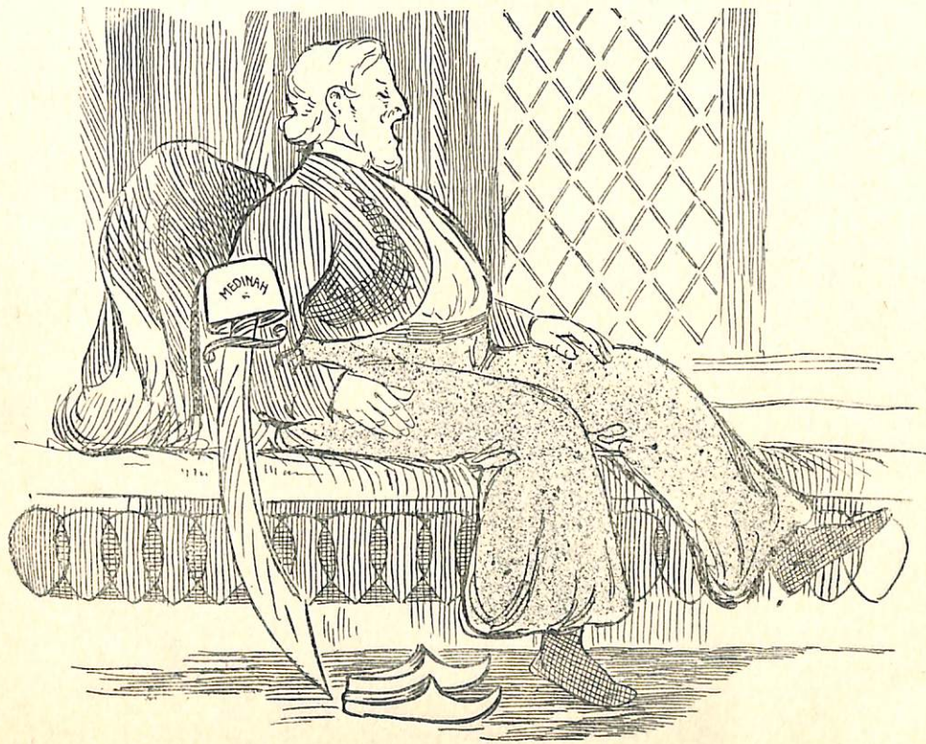
bottom. But, by the grace of the Prophet, I can give unto thee that which will enable thee to acquire and enjoy the fullest measure of blessedness allotted to man while he lingers in this vale of rebates and large-footed Gazabos." And he handed him a Rakk (Parchment) saying: "This will procure for thee pleasure beside which the perfume of the Roses of Bendemeer shall be as a backdoor handout to a large square with the trimmings. When you arrive at the City of Medinah seek the place mentioned in the Rakk, when if you can stand the test all will be well with thee."

And Kach-an-Khan offered thanks for the wise tip, and turning his camel's head, started on his homeward journey for the land where his pie plant grew as high as that of any other Arab.

And, lo, it happened when Kach-an-Khan had returned to the land of his fathers he met the Khalif, to whom he related the story of his misfortunes and showed him the Rakk he had received from the Arab who had been kind to him and given him of his food, and bound up his wounds. The Khalif examined the Rakk and when convinced of its genuineness he communicated to Kach-an-Khan information which made him stare with amazement and pleasure, and pray for more knowledge of the wonderful things that had been related to him. After due time and proper preparation the Khalif escorted him to the Temple of Fame, decked with a variety of furniture, and decorated in the most beautiful manner, as though it was one of the palaces of Paradise, so that he was astonished at the rarities which he beheld; and the slaves were performing on musical instruments, and the atmosphere laden with sweet perfumes, and Kach-an-Khan had never before beheld anything like unto it, and cried with a loud voice and fell down fainting. When he awoke he was a Shriner and member of Medinah.



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Notice Important!!

All Nobles who intend to make the pilgrimage with Medinah Temple to the meeting of the Imperial Council at Los Angeles, May 7th to 11th, and have not already sent in their request for accommodations, must do so at once. It is important that the Illustrious Potentate know not later than April 20th how many will make the pilgrimage so arrangements can be made for sleeping car and hotel accommodations. If you intend making the pilgrimage notify the Illustrious Potentate at once.

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